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In re application of

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For: **“A POLYMER NANOCOMPOSITE
COMPRISING A MATRIX POLYMER AND
A LAYERED CLAY MATERIAL HAVING
A LOW QUARTZ CONTENT”**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorneys pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Copies of the documents listed on Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that items B2 (3,879,283), B3 (EP 0 909 787 A1), B4 (EP 0 899 301 A1) and B5 (WO 97/02323) on the accompanying Form 1449 were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a

counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Items B3 and B4 both cite priority to corresponding U.S. applications. U.S. Serial No. 951,094, now U.S. Patent No. 5,849,830, corresponds to EP 0 909 787 (IDS item B3 reference), and U.S. Serial No. 922,128 corresponds to EP 0 899 301 (IDS item B4 reference). U.S. Patent No. 5,849,830 is listed on the enclosed Form 1449 as item B1.

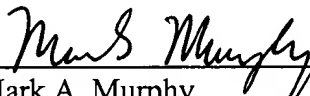
Applicants only became aware of item B1 as a direct and immediate result of the citation of the equivalent European application (item B3) in a communication from a foreign patent office not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, the certification of item B3 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) should extend to item B1 as well. In the alternative, if certification of item B1 is not acceptable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), certification of item B1 should be allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), because item B1 was not itself cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, item B1 was not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-noted application are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c); however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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